FOR MYSORE STATE

Pub (Elections) (1954) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. No. 1337

1337

Dated 13-8-54

[Despatch Abstract.]

Elections- General Elections, 1951-152-
S. Kanara dt.- Locks and keys
~~used~~ purchased for use - Unserviceable -
Cost - written off.

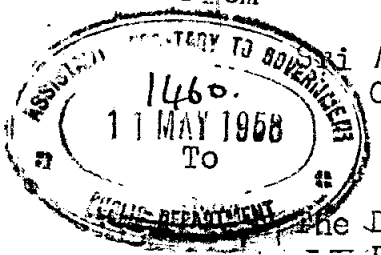
ELECTION IMMEDIATE

Ref.C.No 14724/51.All.

S.Kanara Collector's office
Mangalore dated 7....5....1953

From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara, Mangalore.



To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections)Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.9

Sir,

SUB: ELECTIONS: New Constitution- General Elections 1951-1952 - Surplus election materials -Locks - Disposal

Ref:Govt.Memorandum No. 4146/52.3 Public (Elections) Dept. dated 20.11.1952.

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The locks were notified for sale in public auction on 15.12.1952, 26.12.52, 8.1.53, 27.1.53, 31.1.53, 23.2.53, 11.4.5 and 28.4.53 after giving wide publicity to the sale. As the lo are all of very cheap variety and most of them have already rusted there was no demand for them on all the days of sale. As already reported by me in my Ref.C.No 14724/51.All.dated 8.10.5 they will become completely useless and will not serve any purpose if they are stored for a few years. I therefore reques further instructions from the Government regarding the disposal of the locks.

Yours faithfully

For Collector.

Public (Elections IV) Deptt.

Plaints

Submitted for perusal. The original of the
copy Memo referred to as plaints was put up in
the file bearing C. No 1164/53 and was sent
to Finance on 6.5.53. This may be seen with
the

25.5.53.

18.5.53.

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Ref.C.No.14724/51-A11. S.Kan ra Collector's Office,
Mangalore dated 3.6.53.

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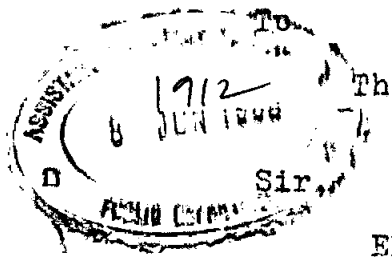
From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.



To

The Accountant General,
Madras.

Sir,

NOT in file

ELECTIONS - New constitution - General Elections 1951-
Surplus election materials - Locks disposal.
Ref: Your Ref.C.No.T2.D.Elections 69/31-5-53.

I have not received further instructions from th Government so far.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

5/6/53

Copy submitted to the Dy.Secretary to Government P(E) D.
Fort St.George, Madras 9.
AM/5-6-53

Ref.C.No.14724-51-All.

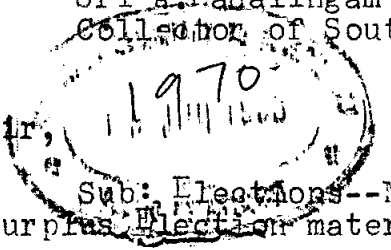
S.Kanara Collector's office,
Mangalore dated 10.6.53.

From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Deputy Secretary to
Government,
Public (Elections)Departme
Fort St. George Madras 9.



Sir,

Sub: Elections--New constitution--General elections 1951-52--Surplus Election materials--Locks--disposal.

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Ref: My report Ref.C.No.14724-51-All dated 7.5.53.

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I request early orders.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

Ref.C.No.14724/51/A.8. S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, dated 11--7--1953.

From

Sri A. Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections)Department,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS. 9.

ELECTIONS -- New Constitution -General Elections 1951-52 -Surplus elections materials -- Locks Disposal.

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Ref:-My Report Ref.C.No.14724/51/A8 dated 7.5.53 and reminder dated 10.6.53.

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I request early orders.

Yours faithfully

A Mahalingam

For Collector.

Letter 17.7.53

Memo No. 1460/53-A of 17-7-53

Elections - U.C. - General Elections 1951-52.
Supplies Election materials - Locks - disposal.

P. 14F

Ref:- Amn. in Collr. of S. Kanara, letter No. 1472-51. A II of 7.5.53

The Collr. of S. Kanara is requested to report the total cost of the 1000 locks in order to enable the Govt. to have an idea of the loss involved. He is also requested to report whether there is no other way of disposal of these locks to the best advantage of the Govt.

Put up 17.7.53

1/7/53

Sent 21.7.53

para 2. P. 17F (S)

To the Collr. of S. Kanara

18/7/53

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26/8/53

Public (Elections IV) Deptt

Memo no 1460/53-3 dated 26.8.53

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - General Elections 1951-52 - Supply election materials - Books - Disposal.

Ref: Govt Memo no 1460/53-2, dated 17.7.1953.

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The attention of the Collr of South Kanara is invited to the Govt Memo cited and he is requested to state when the report called for therein may be expected.

To
The Collr of South Kanara

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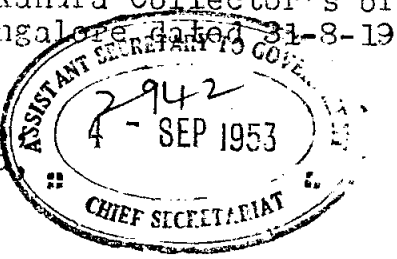
Ref.C.No 14724/51.18

S.Kanara Collector's offic
Mangalore dated 31-8-1953.



From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, B.A
Collector of South Kanara
Mangalore.

To

The Dy.Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Dept.
Fort St.George, Madras.9

Sir,

SUB: ELECTIONS: New Constitution-General Elections 1951-
Surplus election materials- Locks - Disposal of-

Ref: Govt. Memorandum No. 1460/53.3 Public (Elections-IV.) Dept. dated 26.8.1953.

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I am examining the matter . I shall submit my repo in a fortnight's time.

Yours faithfully

For Collector

mv 1.9.

Public (Elections IV) Deptt.

p 13 ante.

Submitted for perusal. The fin
report from the Collector of South Kanara
may be awaited. [R.D. 20.9.'53.]

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ELECTIONS IMMEDIATE.
Ref.C.No.14724/51-A8

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore dated 10.9.53.

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From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, I.A.S.,
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Dy.Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras 9.

Sir,

ELECTIONS - New constitution General elections 1951-52
Election materials ~~-9~~ Locks - disposal of.
Ref: Government memorandum No.1460/53-3 Public (Elections/ IV) Department 17.7.53 and 26.8.53.
2. My report Ref.C.No.14724/51-A8 dt.31.8.53.

As there was no demand for the locks in public auction in Mangalore, I am trying to dispose them of in other taluk headquarters. Some of the locks have been distributed among the Tahsildars to sell them in public auction after giving wide publicity, though they are not likely to fetch decent price. I shall submit a further report in the matter in the first week of October 1953.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector. 12-9-53

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Public (Elections IV) Rights

Issues

Submitted for perusal. The further report from the Collector of South Kanara may be awaited. [R.D. 10.10.1953.]

15/7/53.

(SD/-)

REMINDER. Elections IV ...ach.

To The Collector of South Kanara

I have the honour to invite / am directed to invite attention to your Lr.

No. 14724/51 A8 dated 10.9.53 further reminder ... and then to request that the ... to it ... expedition request that this reminder ... be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter ...

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and

(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay

COLLECTOR 10 NOV 1953 SOUTH KANARA

Office Chief Sectt.

Station Madras

Dated 12.11.53

Signature. for Dy. Secy. to Govt.

Designation.

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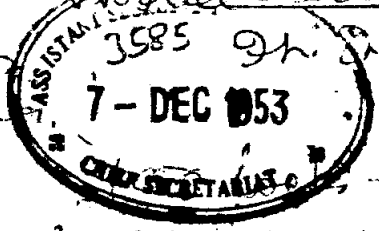
REPLY.

To the Deputy Secretary (Elections)

Election Petition

3585 of 1953



Please see
Col. Dr. Ch. in-charge
medicine. I shall submit
any trial report the
earliest by 15-12-53.

for Collector

12.11.53

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Pub (Elections) I-V

Submitted for
perusal (V. - R.D. 16.12.53)

10.12.53

11/12/53

L.C.T.'S [illegible]
L.Dis.2412 9/53/C.

Office of the Collector o
South [illegible],
[illegible]ed 14th December 1953.

From

Sri. M. Balli[illegible]am Chettiar, I.A.S.,
Collector of South Canara,
Mangalore.

To

The Dy. Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras-9.

19 DEC 1953
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SECRETARIAT

Sub:- C.P.C. -- Constitution - Central Elections
1951-52 - Disposal of office materials -- Proposal.

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Ref:- Government Memo No. 160/C.S. dated
(Elections) Department dated 1.7.53.

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Out of the 1023 locks in the Collector's
100 locks were disposed of in lots of 100 and 500 each
at the taluk headquarters as the sale in public auction
in the Collector's office was unsuccessful. The bids
fetched an amount of Rs. 54-14-0. There is no scope
for the disposal of the remaining 323 locks.

2. The remaining 600 locks in the Collector
Normal. It is reported that the locks may do not
in public auction although they were notified for sale
14.10.53, 16.10.53 and 17.10.53. There is no
of disposing of these locks in public auction in this
District.

3. The Taluk Boards have purchased 991 locks
478-9-3. - each lock Costs. 0-7-9.
for 923 locks = 447-1-3

Hence Rs. [illegible]

Memo. No: 1460/53-5 Dated 4.1.54

Sub:- Elections - General Elections, 1951.
Election materials - Locks -
Disposal.

Ref:- Letter from ~~the~~ Collr. of S.
Kanara, No. D.dis. 24132/53/3 dt. 14

The Collr. of South Kanara is requested to report the cost of the 323 locks referred to in para 1 of his letter cited.

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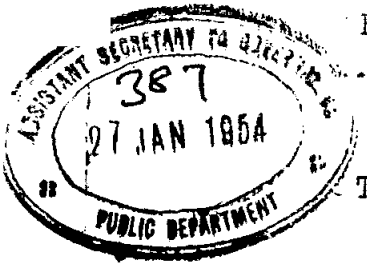
L.Dis. 1057/54

S.K.Collector's Office,
Mangalore dated 24.1.1954



From

Sri A.Mahalingam Chettiar, I.A.S.
Collector of South Kanara.

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St.George, M a d r a s 9.

Sir,

SUB: ELECTIONS: General Elections 1951-52 -- Elec materials Locks- disposal.

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Reference: Government Memorandum No.1460/53-5 Public (Elections) Department dated 4.1.54.

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As already reported in my D.Dis.24132-53-3 P(E) D. dated 14.12.53, 981 locks were purchased by t Tahsildar of Karkal taluk for Rs. 478.9.3. The cost of 323 locks works out to about Rs. 157.0.0.

Yours faithfully,

For Collector.

REVENUE Department

Received Registered

From (Name) Sri P.P.I.Vaidyanathan,
Designation Bar-at-Law, I.C.S.,
Station Collector of Ramanatha-puram, at Madurai.

To

The
Deputy Secretary to Government
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

Sub: ELECTIONS--New Constitution--General Election
Election materials--locks and keys--loss--
Permission to write off cost--request.

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During the general elections 1945 locks and were borrowed from the collector of Madurai for use in this Dis After the elections the locks and keys were collected and only locks and keys were returned to the Collector, Madurai.

For the balance of 379 locks and keys the Ta Officers to whom they were handed over by me for use during the elections have stated that the boxes were opened during counting the Assembly Returning Officers; that a large number of counti staff participated during the opening of the boxes; that some had to be forcibly removed as the keys did not work properly and that they are unable to fix the responsibility for the loss of the locks and keys. In spite of strenuous efforts on the part o the Taluk Officers and the Divisional Officers, the Missing locks could not be traced and accounted for. The Assembly Retur officers have recommended that the loss may be written off the a The Collector, Madurai who was addressed in the matter has state that there was no provision to write off the cost of the missing locks. It may be recalled that the loss of metal seals which oc under the very same circumstances was waived by the Government previously.

In the above circumstances, I request that the collec of Madurai may be asked to write off the cost of the missing lo and keys as irrecoverable.

K Ramachandra Iyengar

FOR COLLECTOR.

2/7/50

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PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT.

Memo No. 2161/53-1 Dated. 11.7.53.

Sub:- Elections - New Constitution - General Elections Election Materials - Locks and Keys - Loss - Permission to write off cost.

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Ref:- From the Collector of Ramanathapuram, letter No. Roc.B6.24150/52, dated 1-7-1953.

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W.r.t. ~~the~~ letter cited, the Collector of Ramanathapuram is requested to ascertain from the Collector of Madurai and report the cost of the 379 locks and keys reported to be missing. ~~in order to enable the Government to have an idea of the loss involved.~~

2. The Collector of Ramanathapuram is also requested to quote the ~~reference~~ number and date of the order in which they ~~Government~~ have written off ~~waived~~ the loss of ~~metal~~ metal seals, referred to in para 2 of his letter cited.

To the Collector of Ramanathapuram.

NOTE: Please see the letter from the Collector of Ramanathapuram on p.1 c.f. reporting the loss of 379 locks and keys under the circumstances stated therein. He has not furnished the cost of the locks and keys reported to be missing. This information may be called for first.

'X' on p. 1 c.f. is not ~~true~~ correct. The matter is still under consideration and final orders have not yet been issued. The Collr. may perhaps be asked to quote the ~~reference~~ number and date of the Govt order in which the loss was ~~waived~~ written off. Subject to orders, the draft memo submitted above is for approval.

C.F. 82—14,07,650—21-3-52.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
CHIEF SECRETARIAT
16 JUL 1953

Revenue(203 Department

From (Name) Sri P.P.I.Vaidyanathan
Designation par-at-law, I.C.S.,
Station Collector of Ramanathapuram at Madhurai.

Received _____ Registered _____

To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public(Elections) Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Enclosures: 1

No.Roc.B.6. 24150/52. dated 15/7/53. 195 .

Sir,

SUB: ELECTIONS - New constitution - General elections - Election materials - locks and keys - loss - permissio to write off cost - further information furnished -

Ref: Govt.Memo.No.2161/53-1 Public(Elections) Department, dated 11/7/53.

1. The cost of the 379 locks and keys as ascertained from the Collector of Madhurai is Rs. 189-8-0 (i.e. at Rs. 0-8-0 for one lock with key.)

2. In reply to Govt.Memo.No.1981/52-3 Public(Elections) Department dated 13/6/52, Government was requested in this office R.Dis. 15626/52 dated 13/12/1952 to treat the missing metal seals of 381 as lost. As no reply was received, it was presumed that Governme have dropped the matter. But from Government D.O. No.1675/53-4 dated 6/7/53, it is seen that the matter is still pending with final order

d further action to trace the missing seals has been taken.

P. Jan

R 16/7 for Collector.

2/16/7.

Public Elections IV) Deptt

pp 5-6 above

Submitted for perusal. In another file (C. No 1134(53)/L) one Govt of India are being addressed on the advice of Finance as to whether before writing off/ loss such of Election material their concurrence should be obtained & the Govt of India's instructions and how much lapse the interval between the two Govts in the matter may be awaited.

29/7/53

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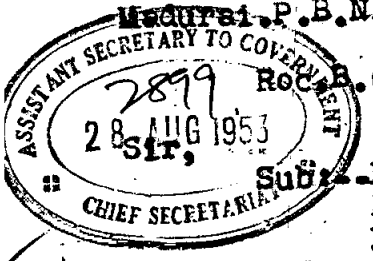
29.7.53

From
Sri P.P.I.Vaidyanathan,
Bar-at-Law., I.C.S.,
Collector, Ramanathapuram at
Madurai P.B.No.12.

To
The Dy.Secretary to Government
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.



Roc.B.6.24150/52. Dated 25-8-53.

Sir,

Sub:-- Elections-New Constitution-General Elections-
Election materials-locks and keys -Loss-
Permission to write off cost-orders requested--

Ref-- Government Memo No.2161/53.1. Public (Elections)
Department dated 11-7-53 and This Office Roc.B.6.
24150/52 dated 15-7-53--

I request orders.

For Collector.

27/8/53

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Public (Elections IV) Dept

Memo No 2161/53-2 dated 1-9-53

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - General Elections - Election materials - Losses and Regs - Loss - Permission to write off - Order.

Ref: From the Collector of Ramanathapuram, letter No Roc. B.6 24150/52. dated 25.6.53.

The Collector of Ramanathapuram is informed that the matter is still under the consideration of the Government and that orders will issue separately.

29/8/53

30/8/53

Section Officer

Note

Note :- The remarks of the Govt. of
Madhya Pradesh on p 7 c ante could be
treated as in this connection invited
to the note on p 6 c ante. The file (C. No. 1134/53)
referred to in the note has since been returned
by A.S. I with the remarks that the draft
letter to the Govt of India should be amplified
so as to cover the losses of Similar losses suffered by
P. E II and V.
the Govt of India will be addressed shortly
Meanwhile the Addl Secy of Rajasthan Govt
may be given an interim reply. The draft
overleaf is submitted for approval.

From
Sri K.Vaithianathan, B.A.,
Collector (In charge)
Ramanathapuram at Madurai.
Post Box No.12.

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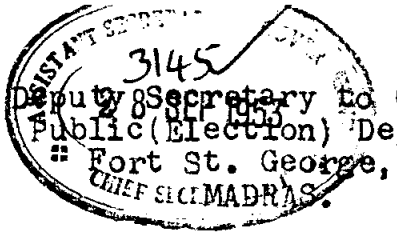
To
The Deputy Secretary to Governm
Public (Election) Department
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.



Roc.B6.21450/53 dated 22.9.53.

Sir,

ELECTIONS--New Constitition--General Elections--Election materials--locks and keys--loss--permission to wirte off cost--orders--requested.

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Ref: Government Memo No.2161/53-2 Public (Elections-IV) Department dated 1.9.53.

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I request orders.

25/9/53

FOR COLLECTOR.

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× 2161/53-3 dated 30/7/53
Elections - New constitution - General Elections - Elections materials - Locks and keys - Loss - Permission to write off cost.
From the Collr. of Ramanathapuram, Lr. No. Roc. B.6. 21450/53 dated 22.9.53.

The collector of Ramanathapuram is informed that the matter is still under the consideration of the Govt and that orders will issue separately.

29/9/53

To.
The Collr. of Ramanathapuram.

L/29/9/53 ordered 29/9/53

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3/10/53

NOTE: Please see the reminder letter from the Collr. (in charge) of Ramanathapuram on p. 11 CF ante. Attention in this connection is invited to this department notes on pp. 6 and 10 CF ante. The file. (C No. 1134/58) with an amplified/ draft letter to G.O.I. was sent to

Finance for approval & before mine and its receipt is awaited. Meanwhile the Collector of Ramanathapuram may be given interim reply. The draft survey is submitted for approval.

29/9/53

Revenue. Department | Receive Registered

From (Name) Sri K. Palaniswamy, B.A.,
Designation Collector & Addl.Dt. Magte.,(i).,(Incharge)
Station Ramanathapuram Madurai.
P.B.No.12.

To

The The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department
Fort St.George, Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Registered 3127
31 OCT 1953
GOVERNMENT

No. 106 Dy.64150/53, dated 27-10-53. 195 .

Sir,

Sub:-Elections - New Consolidation - General Elections - Election materials - Locks and keys - Loss - Permission to write off cost - Orders requested.

Ref:-1. G.O. Memo No.2131/53-3 Public (Ele) Dept. dt/30-9-53

I request orders.

For Collector.

From

Sri C.[illegible]amachendran, I.C.S.,
Collector,
Ramanathapuram at Mudukulathur.

To

The Deputy Secretary to
Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Roc.No.C.4150/53. dated 23-7-53.

Sir,

Sub:--Elections-New Constitution-General Elections-Election materials-Loss and duplication-permission to write off cost-orders requested

Ref:--Government Memo No.2161/53.3. Public (Election) Department dated 30.9.53--
My Roc.No.C.4150/53 dated 27-10-53--

I request orders.

For Collector.

26/11/53

26/11

From
Sri C.S. Ramachandran, I.C.S.,
Collector of Ramanathapuram,
at Madurai. Post Box No.12.

To
The Deputy Secretary to Government
Public(Elections)Department
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

L.Dis.24150/52 dated 9.12.1953.

Sir

ELECTIONS--New Constitution--General Elections--Election materials--Locks and keys--loss--permission to write off cost

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My Roc.B6.24150/52 dated 1.7.53 and 15.7.1953 and reminders thereon.
Government Memo No.2161/53-2 dated 1.9.53.
Government Memo No.2161/53-3 dated 30.9.53.

I request that the Collector of Madurai may be requested to write off the cost of the missing locks and keys as irrecoverable.

10/12/53

ar.9.12. FOR COLLECTOR.

Copy to the Collector Madurai with reference to his Ref. 1410-A-52 dated 12.12.1952.

Letter No. 1460/53-7 Dated. 20.3.54

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Law,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub:-Elections-Election materials-Locks and keys-Loss-Writing off of cost-Concurrence of Govt. India-Requested.

Ref

I am directed to state that 1623 locks ~~which~~ were purchased for use in the last general elections in the South Kanara district. They were being of cheap variety and they were becoming ~~rusted~~ rusted. In October '52 the Collr. reported that if they were to be kept stored up for use future elections they would become completely useless. He was, therefore, asked to sell them in public auction ar credit the sale proceeds to the relevant election budge He has now reported that he was able to dispose of only 700 locks and that there is no possibillity of disposir of the reamining 923 locks, even though they were offered in auctic on several occassions after giving wide publicity. As there is no other way of disposing of them, this Govt. propose to condemn them as unserviceable and to write c their value from the accounts. ~~The Collr. has reported th~~ The value of these 923 locks ~~works out to~~ is reported to be Rs. 447-1-3.

2. I am also to state that 1945 locks and keys were taken on loan by the Collr. of Ramanathapuram from the Collr. of Madurai for use in the last general election his district and out of these, 1566 locks and keys only we returned to him. He has also reported that inspite of the best efforts taken by his subordinates the 379 missing locks and keys could not be traced out. As s this Govt. propose to treat these 379 locks and keys as lost and to write off their value from the accounts. The value of these 379 missing locks and keys is repor to be Rs. 189-8-0.

3. I am, therefore, to request you to obtain ~~the~~ and communicate to this Govt. the concurrence of the Govt. of India, for writting off the losses referred to in paras 1 and 2 above. ~~the~~ Fin. deptt. of this Govt. ~~also~~ home agree to the above proposals.

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(R.D. 19.4.54

No. F.1(14)/54-EE&T
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW.
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From

Shri E.Venkateswaran,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Department,
Madras.

New Delhi, the 28th May 1954.

Subject:- Elections- Election materials - Lock and Keys-Loss- Writing off of cost Concurrence of the Government of Ind
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Sir,

pp. 25-26 ante

With reference to your letter No. 1460/53-7 dated the 20th March 1954, I am directed to say that in the circums explained therein the Government of India agree to the State Government's proposal to write off the sums of Rs.447/1/3 a Rs.189/8/- being the value of 923 unservicable and 379 miss locks respectively.

Yours faithfully,

E Venkateswaran

(E. VENKATESWARAN)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. F.1(14)/54-EE&T, dated 28.5.1954.

Copy with a copy of the letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1460/53-7 dated the 20th March 1954, forwarded to the Accountant General, Madras, Madras.

Sd

(E. VENKATESWARAN)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Public (Elec.IV) Dept.

G.O. Ms.No. 1337 Dated: 13.8.54

Sub: Elections - General Elections, 1951-'52 - S. Kanara district - Locks and Keys purchased for use ~~in General Elections~~ - unserviceable - Cost ~~&~~ written off.

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Ref: From ~~the~~ Collector of S. Kanara, L~~.~~No.14724/51.A11, dat~~e~~ ~~and~~ 7th May 1953 and D.Dis.24132/53~~/~~3, dated 14th December 1953.

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ORDER:

The Collr. of S. Kanara, in his letters cited, has reported that the 1623 locks which were purchased for use in the last General Elections were of cheap variety and were becoming rust~~e~~d and that if they were to be kept stored for use at future elections they would become completely useless. The Col~~l~~ ~~recently~~ disposed of 700 locks in public auction and remaining 923 locks could not be disposed of as there was no demand for them. As the Collr. has reported that there is no other possibility of disposing ~~o~~f them, the Govt., with the concurrence of the Gov~~t~~ of India, Miny. of Law, direct that the 923 locks should be treated as unserviceable and their cost amounting to Rs.447-1- (Rupees four hundred and forty seven, anna one and pies three c~~o~~ be written off the accounts.

Abstract.

ELECTIONS - General Elections, 1951-52 - Ramanathapuram district - Locks and Keys purchased for use in General Elections - Loss - Cost - Written off.

Public (Elections) Department.

G.O. Ms.No.1338. Dated the 13th August 1954.
Reference:

From Collector of Ramanathapuram, Lr.No.Roc.B6. 24150/52, dated 1st July 1953.

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ORDER:

The Collector of Ramanathapuram, in his letter cited has reported that out of the 1945 locks and keys taken on loan by him from the Collector of Madurai for use in the last General Elections in his district only 1566 locks and keys were returned to the latter after the elections and that the remaining 379 locks and keys were found to be missing and could not be traced out despite efforts. He has therefore requested that the cost of these 379 locks and keys viz., Rs.189-8-0 may be written off the accounts. In the circumstances stated, the Government with the concurrence of the Government of India, Ministry of Law, direct that the 379 locks and keys may be treated as lost and their value of Rs.189-8-0 (Rupees one hundred and eighty nine and annas eight only) be written off the accounts.

(By Order of the Governor)

M.A. Sheriff,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Ramanathapuram.
Copy to the Accountant General, through Finance.
Copy to the Finance Department.
Copy to the Collector of Madurai.

(True Copy)
Forwarded/By Order

CV/23.8. Superintendent.

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Public(Elections-IV)Dept.

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - General elections 1951-52 - Surplus election materials -- Locks - Disposal.
From the Collector, South Kanara. letter Ref.C.No.14724-51-All, dated 7-5-53.and 10-6-53.

Please see the letters from the Collector of South Kanara in the c.f. In Memo.No.4146/52-3, Publi (Elections), dated 20-11-52 he was requested to dispo of the unserviceable locks and credit the sale procee to "XLVI - Misc. m.Miscellaneous - Receipts connected with elections". He now reports that the locks were notified for sale in public auction on a number of occasions after giving wide publicity but there was n demand for them as they are of very cheap variety and most of them have already rusted. He says that t will become completely useless if they are stored for two years more further. He requests instructions for their disposal In the circumstances stated by the Collector, it is for orders whether they may be condemned as unservic able and their value written off the accounts. If so the Collr. may be asked to report the total cost of t locks in question so that the cost may be written off the accounts. For orders after obtaining the Finance may see.

Concurrence of the Govt of India in writing in such cases is dealt with in the file. A decision in that file will apply in this case.

Draft letter to the Collr. may be asked to report the total cost of the locks in question & proposal to write off submitted for approval.

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13.7.53

14.7.53

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Public (Elections IV) Deptt

The draft Memo below accepted by Finance may issue. The reminder since received from the Collr. of South Kanara on p 7 ct may be pursued. No action is called for.

16/7/53

16.7.53

[Issued as Memo no. 1460/53-2, P(2), dated 17.7.53.]

[From the Collr. of S. Kanara, L. No. D. dis. 24132/53/3 dt. 14.12.53]

Please see the letter from the Collr. of S. Kanara on p. 19 ct. The Collr. has reported that out of the 1023 locks in his ...ct 700 locks have been sold in public auction [for Rs 54-14-0] and that there is no scope for the disposal of the remaining 323 locks. in auction has not reported the cost of these 323 locks. He may be asked to report on this. draft memo. is submitted for approval.

2. The Collr. has also reported that ...re is no possibility of disposing of 600 locks [which are] in the Taluk Office, Karkal. The Tahr., Karkal has purchased 981 locks for ~~use~~

Rs. 478-9-3 for use in General Elections. Accord to this, the cost of 600 locks works out t Rs. 129-10-0.

3. After the receipt of a reply from the Collr. to the memo put up below, the cos of these 923 locks will be reported to Govt. of India, and their concurrence obtained for writing off their cost from accounts.

30.12.53
2/1/54.

3/1/54

[Issued as Lr Memo No. 1460/53-5, d/ 4.1.
[From the Collr of S. Kanara Lr No. Ldis. 10557/54 d/ 24.12.54]

Please see the letter from the Collr of S. Kanara, on p. 23 of

2. The Collr of S. Kanara reports that the 1000 locks used for the wood ballot boxes during the last general elect will become completely useless and will not serve any purpose if they are kept in safe custody for use at future elections, since they were of cheap variety and were getting rusted. The Collr. was therefore asked to dispose off them in public auction and to credit the Sale proceeds to "XXLVII - Misc. Misc. Receip connected with elections." ~~The Collr. He was able to dispose of 700 locks and~~

3. The Collr. in this letter on p. 1 has now reported that out of the 1023 locks in his office, 700 locks were disposed of and that [the Sale proceeds fetched an amount of Rs. 54-14-0. He has therefore submitted that] there is no scope for the disposal of the remaining 32

locks. He has also stated that there is no possibility of disposing of another 600 locks in the Taluk Office, Karaikal.

4. Submitted that there are at present 923 locks in S. Kanara dt. which cannot be disposed of. The value of these 923 locks works out to Rs. (X) 447-1-3. As the Collr has reported that there is no other way to dispose of these 923 locks, it is for orders whether they may be condemned as unserviceable and their value written off in the accounts. If so, the concurrence of Govt of India is necessary for writing off of the value.

(X) 923 = 447
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923 = 447-1-3

A

5. In the T.F. the Collr of Ramanathapuram has reported that he borrowed 1945 locks and keys, from the Collr of Madurai for use in the last general elections in this dt. and that, after the elections, only 1566 locks and keys were returned to him. He has also stated that the remaining 379 locks and keys are missing. He has also stated that, in spite of strenuous efforts taken by his subordinates, the missing locks and keys could not be traced out. He has therefore requested that the cost of these 379 locks and keys may be written off as irrecoverable. The value of these 379 locks and keys has been reported as Rs: 189-8-0. In the circumstances stated by the Collr. they may be treated as lost and their value written off in the accounts. Govt for orders. Govt of India's concurrence is necessary in this case also.

B

~~6. Subject to orders on A & B above a draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted for approval.~~

The proposed draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted for approval.

7. If fin. may see for remarks before circulation.

5.2.54.

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Finance (Accounts)

The proposals of Public (Elections) 'A' and 'B' on page 4 above may be agreed to in Finance.

MB
P.2.54

Pub (Elec)

Fin 14335 Accts/52
5-3-52 (AF)

Please see the note of Fin. Deptt. above. The following summarising note is submitted for orders in circulation.

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Summarising note for circulation.

This file deals with the writing off the accounts, the cost of some locks and keys which were purchased for locking wooden ballot boxes during the last general elections in South Kanara and Ramanathapuram dt.

2. In South Kanara district a total of 1623 locks were purchased. They were of cheap variety and were getting rusted. In October '52 the Collr. asked for orders whether they may be disposed of in public auction since they have already become rust and will become completely useless if they are kept in safe custody for use at future elections. The Collr. was permitted to auction the locks and credit the sale proceeds to the relvant head of account.

3. The Collr. of S.Kanara has now intimated that he was able to dispose of only 700 locks for Rs. 54-14-0 and that there is no demand for the other 923 locks even though they were offered for sale several times. It is therefore proposed to condem them as unserviceable and to write off their cost from accounts. The value of these 923 locks works out to Rs.447-1-

4. The Collr. of Ramanathapuram has also reported that he borrowed 1945 locks and keys from the Collr. of Madurai for use in the last general elections in his dt. and that after the elections 1566 locks and keys only were returned to him. He has stated that the remaining 379 locks and keys are missing, and has stated that in spite of strenuous efforts taken by his subordinates the missing locks and keys could not be traced out.

le has ~~[illegible]~~ therefore requested that the cost of these 379 locks nd keys may be written off as irrecoverable. The value f these locks and keys has been reported as Rs. 189-8-0. In he circumstances stated by the Collr. it is proposed to treat he 379 ~~[illegible]~~ locks and keys as lost and to write off the cost from accounts.

Sample of A

B

14/131

5. Fin. deptt. have agreed to the above proposals vide their note at X on p. 5 ante.

6. The file may now be circulated to M(F&E) for approval of the proposals at A and B above. If approved the ~~concurrence of the~~ addressed for their concurrence Govt. of India will be ~~obtained~~ in the matter.

Sample of X

13.3.54

M 11.3.54

S 12.3.54

12/3/54

The summarising note from XXX on page 5 ante may be perused. The proposal at A on page 5 ante and that at B above may be approved.

AS
DS(E)

May be approved pm

12.3.54

13.3.54

D.S.(E)

M.(F&E) 14.3.54

CHIEF 15 MAR 1954

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

Please see the orders in circulation above. A draft letter to the Govt. of India asking for their concurrence in the matter is submitted for approval.

6.3.54
17/17.3.54

19/3/54

Approved
20.3.54

DS.(E)

[Issued as Lr. No. 1460/53-7, dt. 20.3.54]
From the Govt. of India, Min. of Law; Lr. No. F.1(14)/54. EE&T, dt. 28.5.54].

Pl. see the lr. from the Govt. of India, Min of Law, on p. 27 cf. A draft order writing off the sums of Rs. 447-1-3 and Rs. 189-8-0 being the value of 923 unserviceable and 379 missing locks in S. Kanara and Ramanathapuram dts. respectively is submitted for approval.

2. Fin. may see before issue.

15.6.54.

Please have two separate orders, one for South Kanara and the other for Ramanathapuram. Split up the draft order below accordingly.

15/6/54

W.R.T. the orders of A.S. above two draft orders are submitted for approval.

2. Fin. may see before issue.

18.6.54

21/6/54

Send back to Budget clerk.

To what head of account is this loss" to be debited; should that be specified in the draft order? If so, should we not also say that that of the loss will be borne by the Govt. of India?

24/6/54

Asst. Secy's Query at 'A' on p. 7 ante.

The expenditure on the purchase of locks and keys mentioned in the draft orders below would have already been debited to 'election' head of account. There will be no fresh expenditure on account of the loss involved by writing off their cost. No head of account need, therefore, be given in the draft orders.

Asst. Secy's query at 'B' on p. 7 ante.

It should be pointed out in the orders that the Govt. of India's concurrence has been obtained for writing off the cost, as they bear 50% of the expenditure already incurred. This is done in both the draft orders below.

29.7.54
30/7/54

31.7.54

D.S/(E)

31.7.54

Fin.

Finance (Accounts) D.E.IV. U.O. 1460/54

[Previous Finance notes on p. 5 above]

The drafts below may be accepted.

31.7.54

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. PUBLIC DEPARTMENT 4 AUG 1954 3224

SPECIAL DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 2 AUG 1954 7552

Pl. See the note of Fin dated. The draft orders below accepted by

Issue

No.1134/53-9,
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Elections) Department.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 19th January 1954.

Office Memorandum.

Sub: Elections - Electoral rolls and election materials - Damage or loss - Write off - Concurrence of Government of India - Instructions from Government of India - Communicated.

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A copy of this Government's letter No.1134/53-5, Public (Elections), dated the 13th October 1953 and paragraph 3 of the letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Law, No.F.1(8)/53-E.E.T., dated the 10th November 1953, on the above subject are communicated to all Collectors, the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras and the Secretary to the State Legislature for information and guidance. They are informed that, in future, whenever they address Government for writing off of damage to, or loss of, election materials and electoral rolls, etc., they should give full particulars of the cases and full reasons as to why the write-off should be apportioned between this Government and the Government of India.

2. The receipt of this Memorandum should be acknowledged.

M.A. SHERIFF,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors.
To the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.
To the Secretary to the State Legislature, Madras.
Copy to all Election sections.
(with enclosure to all)

(Forwarded/By Order)

Superintendent. 20/1/54

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ENCLOSURE:

Copy of letter No.1134/53-5, Public (Elections), dated the 13th October 1953 to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Law, New Delhi.

Sub: ELECTIONS - New Constitution - Electoral rolls and election materials - Damage or loss - Writing off of cost - Apportionment between the Central and State Governments - Instructions.

Ref: 1. From the Election Commission, India, letters No.21/1/51/Elec.II, dated the 18th May 1951 and 24th May 1951.
2. From the Government of India, Ministry of Law, letter No.E.2/51-C, dated the 12th June 1951.

I am directed to invite a reference to the letters cited in which the Election Commission, India and the Government of India have given a list of the materials which the State Governments should provide for the conduct of elections to the State Legislative Assembly and the House of the People, and the cost of which will be shared between the Central and State Governments on a half and half basis. Such materials are furniture and articles such as printed symbols for boxes, seals, pads, etc. The expenditure on the preparation and printing of electoral rolls for the above Houses is also governed by the same principle.

2. Cases were reported to this Government of the loss of certain election materials and the damage caused to certain electoral rolls, and this Government have written off the loss. A few instances are given below:-

(a) In the South Arcot district where wooden ballot boxes were used at the last General Elections, locks and key rings were purchased for use. After the elections, it was found that 892 locks and 2,641 key-rings were not traceable and all efforts to trace them have been fruitless. The estimated cost of these missing locks and key rings is Rs.1,001-5-0. On the recommendation of the

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Collector this Government issued orders writing off from the accounts the cost o
the above missing locks and key rings as irrecoverable.

(b) The electoral rolls of localities I - X of Tiruppur Municipality, oimbatore District, were originally prepared incorrectly and printed. Later, he mistake was detected and the rolls were reprinted at a cost of Rs.1,300-14-1. ut of this sum, an amount of Rs.1,180-14-1 was ordered to be written off the ccounts and the balance of Rs.120/- was ordered to be recovered from the Electio eputy Tahsildar who was in charge of the preparation of the rolls.

(c) A sum of Rs.199-1-0 representing the sale price of 245 copies of the lectoral rolls of the Madras Legislative Assembly relating to the Nandigama illage in Krishna district which were damaged by white ants was ordered to be ritten off the accounts. The damage was caused due to want of proper accommo. lation and not due to the negligence of any particular official.

(d) This Government have written off the accounts a sum of Rs.140-15-0, be the total cost of certain copies of the Government of India publications relati to elections, viz., (i) The Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly Constitu encies (Madras) Order,1951; (ii) Representation of the People Act, 1950; (iii Representation of the People Act, 1951; and (iv) Representation of the People (Conduct of Elections and Election Petitions) Rules, 1951 which were lost in th office of the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras.

Copies of the proceedings of this Government in the four cases cited above are enclosed.

3. The Accountant-General, Madras has now enquired in his letter No.T.2.I Elections/7-6/1952-53/997, dated the 31st March 1953 (copy enclosed) whether, in view of the reasons stated therein, the previous concurrence of the Governm of India in writing has been obtained, for writing off the loss mentioned by h Similar enquiry has been made with reference to other items also. He has als raised the question how such losses are to be treated for purposes of apportio ment between the Central and the State Governments.

4. This Government have not obtained the concurrence of the Government o India for writing off the loss in any of the cases referred to above. I am t request that the instructions of the Government of India in the matter may be communicated to this Government at an early date. Instructions may also be issued as to how such losses are to be treated for purposes of apportionment.

M.A. SHERIFF,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Accountant-General, Madras, with reference to his letter No.T.2,D Elections-7-6/170, dated the 29th August 1953.

Extract of letter No.F.1(8)/53-EE&T, dated 10-11-1953, from the Governme of India, Ministry of Law, New Delhi, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public (Elections) Department.

Sub: Elections - New Constitution - Electoral Rolls and election materials - Damage or loss - Writing off of cost -- Apportionment between the Centr and State Governments - Instructions.

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3. All cases of the type mentioned in your letter under reference comin to light hereafter should be referred to the Government of India for their concurrence as each case has to be examined and decided on merits.

(Sd) MANGHARAM BHAVANDAS,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of Indi

(TRUE EXTRACT)